

THE DEAD NUMBER THREE THOUSAND

Half Has Not Been Told of the Disaster in Texas.

5,000 FAMILIES HOMELESS

In Addition to the People Who Are Entirely Without Shelter the Remainder of the Population Is Suffering to a Greater or Less Degree. Immediate Need for Clothing, Food and Water—Asylums in Nearby Cities for the Reception of Women and Children Are Desired.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 11.—Authentic information from the storm-swept city of Galveston reached the Memphis office of the Associated Press tonight. The intelligence came in the shape of a telegram addressed to the Associated Press from Mayor Jones and five of the most prominent citizens of Galveston. The telegram bears date of September 11 and states that a conservative estimate of the loss of life in Galveston is that it is not over 3,000. Five thousand families are reported destitute and the destruction to property is great.

Following is the telegram in full: Galveston, Tex., Sept. 11. To the Associated Press, Memphis: A conservative estimate of the loss of life is that it will reach 3,000; at least 5,000 families are shelterless and wholly destitute. The entire remainder of the population is suffering in greater or less degree. Not a single church, school or charitable institution, of which Galveston had so many, is left intact. Not a building escaped damage and half the whole number were entirely obliterated. There is immediate need for food, clothing and household goods of all kinds. If nearby cities will open asylums for women and children the situation will be greatly relieved. Coast cities should send us water as well as provisions, including kerosene oil, gasoline and candles. (Signed) W. C. Jones, Mayor.

M. Lasker, President Island City Savings Bank. J. D. Skinner, President Cotton Exchange. G. H. McMaster, For Chamber of Commerce. R. G. Lowe, Manager Galveston News. Clarence Owsley, Manager Galveston Tribune.

Government Train Washington, Sept. 11.—Acting Secretary Metkelfohn has authorized the chartering of a special train from St. Louis to carry quartermasters and commissary supplies to the relief of the destitute at Galveston. General Wilson, chief of engineers, has not yet received any advice as to losses upon fortifications and river and harbor works, though telegrams to the quartermasters department indicate that the fortifications have been damaged.

GENERAL SCURRY'S REPORT.

Estimate That 5,000 Are Dead and 10,000 Homeless Is Conservative. Austin, Texas, Sept. 11.—Official reports from Galveston to Governor Sayers today are that 400 bodies have been identified; 200 more are in an improvised morgue awaiting identification, and many more are thought to have drifted out to sea and their identity will not be known for weeks. A telegram from Adjutant General Scurry, who is at Galveston, to the governor, is as follows: "Have just returned from Texas City with several Galveston parties, who assure me that conditions there beggar description. Accounts have not been exaggerated. One thousand loss is too conservative. While a portion of the provisions have been destroyed by water, sufficient on hand to relieve immediate necessities. The citizens seem to have the situation well in hand. United States troops and Company C volunteer guard, with citizens, patrol the streets to prevent looting. Requested W. B. Wortham to go to Galveston from Texas City for the purpose of advising me of the city's most urgent needs and I returned here to report and ask for further instructions. I respectfully suggest that the distress is too great for the people of Galveston, even with the assistance of Houston, to stand, and that a general appeal for help would be welcomed.

Ten Thousand Destitute.

The estimate of 10,000 destitute does not seem to be excessive. It is estimated by the telegraph companies at this point that upwards of 10,000 private messages have been handed out of Galveston by boat to Houston, hence to relatives and friends of Galveston people, notifying them of their safety, and so great has been the strain of business that all telegraph companies have been using full forces all the twenty-four

THE PHILADELPHIA PRIMARY ELECTION

Martin and Quay Factions Are Lined Up for Action—The Successful Candidates.

Philadelphia, Sept. 11.—The primary elections of the Republican party were held throughout this city from 6 to 8 o'clock tonight. Delegates were elected to conventions which will be held tomorrow to nominate candidates for the following offices: Judge of the court of common pleas No. 3, city treasurer, register of wills, first, second, third, fourth and fifth congressional districts, first, second, third, fifth and seventh senatorial districts, and the entire twenty-eighth Assembly districts.

The contest in the Fifth senatorial district overshadowed every other battle in the city, and was the most bitterly fought election since the memorable fight for sheriff three years ago. The candidates are ex-Speaker Henry P. Walton and Street Inspector Henry Berkelbach. Walton has the endorsement of the anti-Quay or Martin wing of the party, while the Quay faction and the city administration, as far as it is controlled by Mayor Ashbridge, is the power behind Berkelbach's candidacy.

The contest is a particularly close one and all other fights in the fifteenth, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirty-second, thirty-third and thirty-fourth wards, which comprise the district, have been partially lost sight of. J. Hampton Moore, Mayor Ashbridge's private secretary, will be nominated for city treasurer, he having practically no opposition at the polls tonight. Jacob Singer will be nominated for register of wills and Judge Thomas K. Finletter will be renominated for the common pleas bench.

There was little if any opposition to the five slated candidates for congress. H. H. Bingham, Robert Adams, Jr., and James H. Young will be renominated for the First, Second and Fourth districts, respectively. Henry Burke will be named in the Third district in opposition to Congressman McAleer, Democrat, while Edward Dev. Morrell will be the nominee in the Fifth district to succeed the late A. C. Hamner, whose vacancy was never filled. The Republicans have made a departure in naming a party candidate. With the exception of four years ago the Republicans have not placed a candidate in the field in this district since before the days of Samuel J. Randall.

In the senatorial districts, George A. Vane, Francis A. Osburn and George C. Grady will be renominated in the First, Third and Seventh districts, respectively, while Representative Berkelbach will be named to succeed the late Senator Holzworth in the Second district.

In the Fifth senatorial district Berkelbach had almost a walkover, he winning over Walton by about 10 to 25. There is an uncertainty in circulation that Walton will run independent.

In the legislative districts the contests were in the Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth districts, in all entitled to nine members. Of the twenty-nine members nominated without opposition twelve are anti-Quayites.

McMACKIN ON ARBITRATION

Opinions Advanced Before the Industrial Commission at Washington.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The industrial commission resumed the taking of testimony today. John McMackin, labor commissioner for New York, was the witness and he spoke principally of the relations between owners and labor unions. He said that up to date the growth of the labor unions has about kept pace with the growth of the trusts, so that when a controversy arose between them the unions had been able to about hold their own and obtain fair terms. "The chief danger in the present industrial situation," said Mr. McMackin, "is that the success of the trusts in conducting business enterprises will lead to the popular belief that the concentration of all business enterprises under one general management is a good thing and that thus the drift toward state socialism might be hastened."

This is a contingency upon which the witness does not look with favor. Regarding compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes, witness said that it did not appeal to him as a good thing unless the labor unions which incorporated, so that they could be held to the performance of any contract into which they entered on behalf of their members. This brought up the frequently discussed question of incorporation. Mr. McMackin said that the tendency of labor unions at present was to incorporate. Mr. Kennedy, of the commission, questioned the statement. Mr. McMackin said that in his opinion there ought to be compulsory arbitration where such semi-public utilities as telegraph and telephone companies and transportation lines were involved and where the general public suffered most acutely by an interruption of business. He said, however, that his experience in New York had not tended to impress him very greatly with the value of state arbitration boards. During the past year he said the state board had been able to settle only forty-six strikes out of 455 which came within the area of their jurisdiction.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Sept. 11.—Arrived: Anchora, from Glasgow. Cleared: Westerland, Antwerp; Tallin, Liverpool; St. Louis, Southampton; Sled, Lahn, Bremen via Cherbourg and Southampton. Hamburg—Arrived: Deutschland, from New York.

GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT IN SOUTH DAKOTA

He is Given a Rousing Reception at Flandreau—The Remarks of Mr. Roosevelt.

Flandreau, S. D., Sept. 11.—The train bearing Governor Roosevelt westward left here early this morning. A large crowd of citizens were gathered at the station with a brass band, and gave the governor a warm welcome. A number of Indians were in the crowd. Governor Roosevelt said in part: "In addressing an audience like this I do not have to make an appeal that you stand by the flag and the flag and that you do not flinch from seeing the United States do its duty in the face of the nations of the world. You men who built up what twenty-five years ago was called the far west, you who have come here to pitch success as the old world men pitched tests, you who in an incredibly short space of time have built up this country, you who have filled this vast and empty land with a smiling face, are not afraid of seeing this nation do its work. An easy, safe life, a life of pleasure is good enough in its way. But a life that means anything is a life of hard work. You and the men of the Grand Army, you men who passed through the great war, as you look back in your lives, what are the four years that you are especially anxious to have passed? You recall the honor and money to your sons is not the four years that you served in the army in the civil war (a voice: "That is so"). Evidently, you recall the four years that you spent with the smiling face of a mid-summer sun and lay out at night in the frozen mud of the southern winter."

What you are proud of, are not the hours of ease but the times when you did good work? It is just the same thing with a nation. When a nation is proud of America, it is the pride of the wonderful material products of this country. We celebrate that day because it was on that day that our officials made up their minds to face years of toil and risk to make this nation. It is on the Fourth of July that we celebrate the victory of Bunker Hill, Yorktown, Appomattox. We are proud of America for what has been done in the past by Americans. We have proved ourselves worthy of our existence as a nation. Why are you here today? It is because you have expanded. You recall in 1890, only ten years ago, when the Ogishlak outbreak occurred here and the Black Hills you put the regulars here until the outbreak was quieted. You recall that you were just as much imperialists then as the men who are fighting in the Philippines now. If Judge Taft is a chief of the board of the Philippines and General Whistler and his associates are imperialists, then every Indian agent and every officer on any reservation in this state is an imperialist now."

SENATOR LOSCH DEAD.

The Well-Known Veteran and Statesman Passes Away.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 11.—State Senator Samuel Alford Losch, aged 58 years representing the Twenty-seventh district of Pennsylvania, died here today in a sanitarium where he had been under treatment for kidney trouble. He came here in May in ill health. He rallied and was believed to be improving up until last Monday, when he suffered a relapse. He died at 10 o'clock tonight. His wife, Mrs. Losch, was with him when the end came. His family of six children had been here during the summer and had only returned to this home in Schuylkill Haven, Pa., last week. His son, Harry, is a cadet aboard the Pennsylvania training ship Saratoga, which is now in European waters. The body of Senator Losch was sent to Schuylkill Haven in a special car this afternoon.

Senator Losch was born in Unplon, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1842. He was educated in the public schools and when the civil war broke out he enlisted as a private in Company C, Fifthth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers. He was a member of the house of representatives in 1875-76, and was chief clerk of the state department during the administration of Governor Hantrant and Hoyt. He was appointed secretary of New Mexico by President Arthur and was removed by President Cleveland. He was elected chief clerk of the house of representatives in 1877 and he had been a delegate to the National Republican state convention since 1871. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention of 1880, and was one of the 206 that stood solidly for Grant's renomination for a third term. Senator Losch was active in the Grand Army of the Republic. He was also well known in Masonic circles.

CONVICT REARRESTED.

James W. Moore Captured Upon Being Released from Penitentiary.

Philadelphia, Sept. 11.—James Warden Moore, a clever and daring horse thief, was today released from the Eastern penitentiary, after serving a years' sentence, and was immediately rearrested on a warrant from Lancaster, where he is wanted on several charges. When Moore left the prison, three local detectives and Chief of Police George Borger, of Lancaster, were waiting for him outside the gate. The ex-convict recognized the quartette and made a break for liberty. He gave the officers a lively chase, losing the repeat of a pistol, fired by one of the detectives. Finally brought him to a standstill. He is now locked up in the central station awaiting the action of the Lancaster authorities. Moore is said to at one time have been the proprietor of a saloon in Allegheny City.

WEATHER BUREAU'S WARNING.

The West Indian Storm May Pass Over the Great Lakes.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The weather bureau announced that the West Indian storm which has passed from Texas to Iowa since Sunday has increased greatly in intensity during the last twenty-four hours. From Iowa it will move northeastward and cause severe gales over Lake Michigan tonight and over Lakes Huron and Eastern Superior late tonight and Wednesday.

Anticipating storms of an exceptionally dangerous character, all shipping on Lake Michigan has been advised to remain in port and full services have been given to all ports on the other lakes.

ITALY FIRST TO DEMAND INDEMNITY

Will Make the Initial Move for Peace in China.

London, Sept. 11.—In a special dispatch from Rome it is said that the Italian cabinet has decided to initiate immediately peace negotiations with China. Italy will formulate demands for an indemnity, and if they are accepted Italian intervention will be considered terminated and no proposals tending to further warfare in China will be considered. The officials of the Chinese legation decline to make public the text of the imperial decree commanding the opening of peace negotiations, but they say that the documents appoint Prince Ching, head of the tsung li yamen, a plenipotentiary, as well as Li Hung Chang.

It was added that it had been suggested that Liu Kun Yi, the viceroy of the Nanking, and Chang-Chi-Tung, the viceroy of Hankow, should be appointed, but the decree does not mention them.

Considerable importance is attached to the announcement from Taku that the expedition to Pao-Ting-Fu (about ninety miles southwest of Tien Tsin) will leave on Friday. It is thought that no Chinese troops are mentioned as participating in the expedition.

Apart from the belief that the Chinese emperor's latest edicts emanated from Pao-Ting-Fu, it is said that General Fung Lu, former viceroy of Pao-Chi-Li and commander in chief of the northern armies of China, who is one of those held responsible for the outbreak at Peking, is also at Pao-Ting-Fu.

COURSE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Washington, Sept. 11.—From the formal statement given out today it appears that the state department is not yet ready to begin direct negotiations with Li Hung Chang. It does not question his credentials as a plenipotentiary, but simply leaves the matter in abeyance. Probably this is because all of the powers have not yet returned their responses to the Russian note, and it is drawn to avoid making the United States the first among the powers to abandon the hope of harmonious action and strike for itself toward the settlement directly with China. Also it may be deemed well to wait to hear from Mr. Conger, whose several days ago, was invited to express his opinion about quitting Peking. Minister Wags was twice at the state department today. It was understood that his first call was in a part to let secure transportation for Li Hung Chang from Shanghai to Taku on a United States steamer. His later call was to receive the answer of the department to that application as well as to the communication respecting Li Hung Chang's functions. The answer returned by the state department to the latter communication apparently made it unnecessary at this time to pursue the inquiry as to the ship; if Li may not enter into negotiations at present there is no occasion to transport him to Taku.

SONS OF VETERANS MEET AT SYRACUSE.

The Nineteenth National Encampment Opened Yesterday.

Syracuse, Sept. 11.—The nineteenth annual national encampment of the Sons of Veterans opened in this city today. Commander in Chief A. W. Jones, who is also lieutenant governor of Ohio, presided. A representative of the city government delivered the address of welcome and the response was by ex-Governor Frank D. Jackson, of Iowa. The encampment then went into secret session. At about noon adjournment was taken and the delegates were taken on a short carriage ride around the city.

The National Land society, the Women's Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, is holding its annual convention here in connection with the encampment.

FATAL TENEMENT FIRE.

Two Persons Killed and Several Injured at Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Two persons were killed and a number injured in a fire which today destroyed the two-story tenement house at 205 1/2 Des Plaines street. The dead are James Pulling, horribly burned, died at hospital; Edward Pulling, 3 years old, burned to a crisp. The injured are: Mrs. Anne Pulling, serious; Mrs. Maude Wedlock, condition critical; Jessie Pulling, Harry Wedlock, Thomas Mooney.

All of the victims lived on the second floor.

QUAY MEN AT READING.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 11.—The Republican city legislative convention met here tonight and nominated Richard Fawling and Captain William S. Moyer for the assembly. Both are strong Quay men.

MITCHELL WILL ORDER STRIKE

Unless, as He States, the Coal Operators Agree to Arbitration to Settle Differences.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—"I will leave for Indianapolis tomorrow night and if upon my arrival there Thursday morning, I fail to hear anything from the operators in New York indicative of their willingness to meet us in conference, I shall immediately order a strike."

These were the words of John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, tonight.

"It is with the greatest reluctance that I take this step," continued Mr. Mitchell, "but nothing else remains for us to do. It is possible that the operators will at the last moment agree to arbitrate our difficulties, but I must say the prospect is not encouraging. Father Phillips left this afternoon for Philadelphia and Washington. While he refused to say that his mission was to confer with the officers of the National Federation of Labor at the capital, it is believed here that he will make further efforts to have the trouble in the anthracite coal fields settled in an amicable manner."

It is reported tonight that about 128 men employed at the Scotch Valley colliery, fifteen miles from here, and inaccessible by either telephone or telegraph have gone out on a strike for higher wages. They are not members of the United Mine Workers' organization and it is expected that the trouble will be settled in a few days. When asked the nature of the negotiations now being carried on by President Mitchell for a settlement of the threatened strike, Benjamin James said that nothing relating to the matter would be given out. There is a rumor afloat tonight that Father Phillips is in conference with President Mitchell in the Hotel Lafayette, Philadelphia.

Shamokin, Sept. 11.—The miners of the Shamokin region are worked up to fever pitch in anticipation of a strike and if the order to go out comes by Wednesday night the union officials there say that not but one colliery in Northumberland county in operation by Saturday.

TWO PER CENT. INCREASE.

Hazleton, Sept. 11.—The employees of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company at Audenried and Honey Brook received their checks this afternoon and will be paid tomorrow. Much to their surprise, all men who work by the day got a voluntary advance of two per cent. in their wages, the increase having gone into effect on August 1. This increase does not affect miners or contract laborers.

PROGRAMME AT SHAMOKIN.

Three Collieries Will Be Abandoned in Case of Strike.

Shamokin, Sept. 11.—The superintendent of the Mineral company and of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company were notified from their respective executive headquarters this afternoon that if the men at the Cameron, Burnside and Henry Clay collieries go on strike in sufficient numbers to cause the operations to be closed down, then the mines and iron shall be taken from the operations and the later be abandoned.

For some time the collieries had not been paying investments, according to statements made by the company. If the three operations are shut down 3,000 men and boys will be thrown out of employment.

COLORED ODD FELLOWS MEET.

Address Upon the Condition of Negro by Luther Nicholas.

Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 11.—The grand lodge of Colored Odd Fellows met here in strike convocation today. There is quite a large attendance of delegates. The Household of Ruth, the auxiliary of the grand lodge, is also in session.

President John Logan, of the Wilkes-Barre lodge, called the convention to order and introduced Mayor Nichols, who delivered the address of welcome. District President Patterson Holland responded to the mayor's address. C. M. Nichols, of Northampton, also made a brief address. He was followed by Luther Nicholas, of Philadelphia, who spoke upon the present condition of the colored man. He said all the negroes have an equal chance with other men, and he would make his way in the world. The convention then went into secret session. Tomorrow the colored organizations of Luzerne county and the visiting delegates will give a parade.

STEEL CARS FOR SPAIN.

Pittsburg, Sept. 11.—The first order for steel cars to enter Spain has just been received by the Pened Steel Car company, of this city. The contract calls for one car of a carrying capacity of 80,000 pounds and will be used on the Great Southern railroad of Spain.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today. FAIR, POSSIBLY SHOWERS.

- 1 General—Three Thousand Dead and Five Thousand Homeless in Texas. Italy Will Demand Indemnity from China. Want of Harmony in a Wilkes-Barre Democratic Convention.
- 2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania News. Whitney's Weekly News Budget. Financial and Commercial. The Tribune's Educational Contest.
- 3 Local—Grand Jury Report Looked for Today. Opening Day at the Wallville Fair.
- 4 Editorial.
- 5 Local—Annual Gathering of the Abington Baptist Association. Annual Report of County Superintendent Taylor.
- 6 Local—Wm. Scramton and Suburban.
- 7 Round About the County.
- 8 Local—Report of County Superintendent Taylor (Continued). Industrial Settings.

BAD FREIGHT WRECK.

Fifteen Persons Injured by Explosion of Gasoline. Smith's Ferry, Pa., Sept. 11.—Owing to a bad freight wreck on the Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad near East Liverpool, the section gang from this place was called out. Nine cars had been wrecked, among which was a car of gasoline.

While the men were working at the wreck, the tank exploded, injuring fifteen persons. One of the Smith's Ferry gang escaped, but some were only slightly injured. James Colone and Thomas Cochran were so badly burned that they will probably die.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania Fair, continued; warm Wednesday; possibly showers or thunder storms and cooler Wednesday night or Thursday; increasing south to west winds.